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REMARKS

I. Status of Claims for Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

Claims 1-24 and 26-38 are pending in this application for this Amendment filed in response to the May 3, 2007 Non-Final Office Action in which claims 1-38 were pending. No claims are allowed, whereas claims 22, 25, 27 and 30-32 are deemed allowable.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

II. Amendments under 37 CFR §1.121

By this Amendment, claim 25 is cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and the specification and claims 1, 5, 6, 17, 20, 24 and 34 are amended in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.121(b)(1)(ii) and 1.121(c)(2), respectively.

Claims 1, 17 and 34 are amended to recite features supported in the specification at, for example, page 10 lines 10-20 (corresponding to paragraph [0029] in U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0138601) and incorporated from allowable claim 25. Claims 5, 6, 17, 20, 24 and 34 are further amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 22, 25, 27 and 30-32 contain allowable subject matter. As such, Applicants amend claims 1, 17 and 34 to recite the features of claim 25.

IV. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action implicitly objects to the specification for minor informalities, particularly regarding the identification of trademarks. In response, Applicants have amended the specification accordingly to obviate this objection and in view of the Examiner's helpful observation.

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V. Anticipatory Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

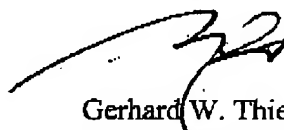
The Office Action rejects claims 1-21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 33-38 as being allegedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent 7,200,838 to Kodosky *et al.* (hereinafter "Kodosky"). This rejection is rendered moot by the incorporation of the allowable features of claim 25 into independent claims 1, 17 and 34. Moreover, this also applies to claims 2-16 that depend from claim 1, claims 18-21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30 that depend from claim 17 and claims 35-38 that depend from claim 34. Consequently, all the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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